Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the requirement for election of species is improper, and request that it be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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